(ii) Rural Industry Service Centres (RISC) Scheme-For setting up Common Facility Centres to provide backward forward linkages and necessary services like raw material support, skill upgradation, quality control, testing facilities, market promotion, design and product development, etc.

(iii) Financial assistance for participating in exhibitions at national, zonal, state and district levels.

Cottage Industries in Bihar

†2213. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cottage industries in the areas belonging to SCs/STs/most backward classes have to face host of problems in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in near future for the promotion of cottage industries;

(c) the number of small scale industries in Bihar at present, area-wise;

(d) whether Government have taken any initiative to boost up the setting up of small industrial units in the backward and tribal areas of Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Some of the cottage industries in the country, including those in Bihar, face problems like obsolete technology, low productivity, credit availability, quality of products, marketing, competition from substitute products, etc. To promote village industries including cottage industries the Government of India through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in rural areas throughout the country, including Bihar. Under this programme, an entrepreneur can establish a village industry including cottage industries by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC and loan from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks and cooperative banks, etc., for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakhs. The pattern of margin money assistance is given in the table below and is more favourable to SC/ST/OBC:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Margin Money Assistance under REGP

Sl. No.	Category of beneficiary	Project Cost	Margin Money Assistance
1.	General	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	25 per cent of project cost
		Rs. 10 lakh and upto 25 lakh	Rs. 2.5 lakh plus 10 per cent of balance project cost
2.	SC/ST/Women/Ex-servicemen/NE Region/Hill areas	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	30 per cent of project cost
		Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 25 lakh	Rs. 3 lakh plus 10 per cent of balance project cost.

Note: SC/ST-Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe; NE-North Eastern

Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) of the Government, being implemented through the District Industries Centres (DICs) of the States/Union Territories (UTs) and banks, loans are provided to the educated unemployed to set up self-employment ventures.

Under this Yojana, projects with investment upto Rs. 1 lakh in the business sector and upto Rs. 2 lakh in other sectors are eligible for assistance. The subsidy amount is 15 per cent of project cost and subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500/-. Eligible persons can join together in a partnership to get assistance for projects with investment upto Rs. 10 lakh. While the normal age limit is 18-35 years, the upper age limit is relaxed by 10 years in case of SC/ST applicants.

(c) The district-wise number of small-scale industries in Bihar as per third All India Census of Small Scale Industries 2001-2002 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Besides PMRY and REGP, for promotion of small scale industries (SSI) in the country including those in Bihar, the Government implements the following schemes/programmes:

(i) Credit Guarantee Scheme—For collateral free composite loans up to a limit of Rs. 25 lakh.

(ii) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS)—For providing capital subsidy at the rate of 12% upto Rs. 4.8 lakh on loans taken for technology upgrations.

(iii) ISO Certification Reimbursement Scheme—For reimbursement to the extent of 75 per cent (restricted upto Rs. 75,000) of expenses incurred in acquiring Quality Management System (QMS)-ISO 9000 Certification and Environment Management System-ISO 14001 Certification.

(iv) Participation in International Fairs—For providing full subsidy on space rental and shipment of exhibts.

(v) Small Industry Cluster Development Programme—For technology upgradation in clusters of SSI units.

(vi) Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Scheme—For providing assistance up to 40 per cent or Rs. 2 crore, whichever is less, to set up industrial estates for SSI units.

(vii) Mini Tool Rooms—For providing assistance upto 90 per cent or Rs. 9 crore, whichever is less, to State Governments for setting up new mini tool rooms. For upgradation of existing tool rooms, assistance is 75 per cent or Rs. 7.5 crore, whichever is less.

(viii) Testing Centres—For providing assistance up to 50 per cent or Rs. 50 lakh, whichever is less, as one-time Central grant-in-aid, for setting up testing centres by industry associations and expansion/modernization of Quality Marking Centres of State Governments and their autonomous bodies.

(ix) Assistance to entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs)—For providing assistance to State Governments up to 50 per cent or Rs. 100 lakh, whichever is less, for strengthening training infrastructure in EDIs.

(x) Market Development Assistance (MDA)—For providing assistance to individual exporters by way of reimbursement of to and fro air fare up to 90 per cent of cost of return ticket by economy class subject to the ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- (Rs. 90,000/- for Latin American countries). In addition, the scheme also provides for

financial assistance upto Rs. 2 lakh for specific market studies and provision of reimbursement of one-time registration fees for adoption of bar coding.

Statement

District-wise number of units in Bihar as per third All India Census of SSIs 2001-02

Sl.No.	District Name	Registered	Unregistered	Total
1.	Paschim Champaran	1225	17446	18671
2.	Purba Champaran	2392	20826	23218
3.	Sheohar	203	2982	3185
4.	Sitamarhi	1665	48260	49925
5.	Madhubani	1163	4603	5766
6.	Supaul	827	4024	4851
7.	Araria	757	4521	5278
8.	Kishanganj	534	2502	3036
9.	Purnia	1047	19985	21032
10.	Katihar	1611	9721	11332
11.	Madhepura	706	5330	6036
12.	Saharsa	1454	3840	5294
13.	Darbhanga	1301	7669	8970
14.	Muzaffarpur	3098	10971	14069
15.	Gopalganj	776	12305	13081
16.	Siwan	1911	11299	13210
17.	Saran	1967	18633	20600
18.	Vaishali	1731	25149	26880
19.	Samastipur	1603	18226	19829
20.	Begusarai	1337	11054	12391
21.	Khagaria	707	3507	4214
22.	Bhagalpur	1157	8566	9723

Sl.No.	District Name	Registered	Unregistered	Total
23.	Banka	305	8823	9128
24.	Munger	906	6587	7493
25.	Lakhisarai	364	0	364
26.	Shaikhpura	205	4636	4841
27.	Nalanda	1524	20619	22143
28.	Patna	8550	40545	49095
29.	Bhojpur	584	16279	16863
30.	Buxar	705	4564	5269
31.	Kaimur (Bhabua)	1026	9118	10144
32.	Rohtas	1778	16953	18731
33.	Jehanabad	676	1739	2415
34.	Aurangabad	1184	9431	10615
35.	Gaya	3550	23714	27264
36.	Nawada	1212	7352	8564
37.	Jamui	366	25467	25833
	TOTAL:	52107	467246	519353

Industries set up under NPRI

2214. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural industrial clusters set up in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and Rajasthan under the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation (NPRI);

(b) the financial assistance provided to these States under the said scheme and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the institutional arrangement made to implement NPRI in these States?